

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has enclosed herewith an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") and copies of the 4 references cited therein. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the IDS and consider the cited references.

In the October 18, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8, for which the Applicant thanks the Examiner.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. (*October 18 Office Action, page 2*) Applicant has amended FIGS. 5, 7A and 7B in accordance with the Examiner's comments as shown in the redline versions enclosed herewith. Applicant has also enclosed replacement sheets for the aforementioned amended drawing figures in accordance with 37 C. F. R. § 1.84. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection should be withdrawn.

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Applicant believes that the claims remain in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIGS. 5, 7A, and 7B as shown in the redline version attached hereto, and enter the enclosed replacements sheets for those figures as originally filed.

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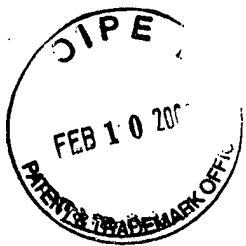
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B VALUE

FIG.5
Prüfung Art

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CIRCUM-
FERENCE
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OUTER
CIRCUM-
FERENCE
SIDE

POSITION ALONG
RADIAL DIRECTION



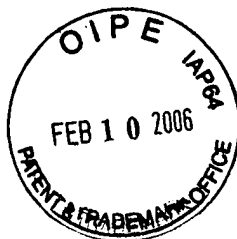


FIG.7A
Prior Art

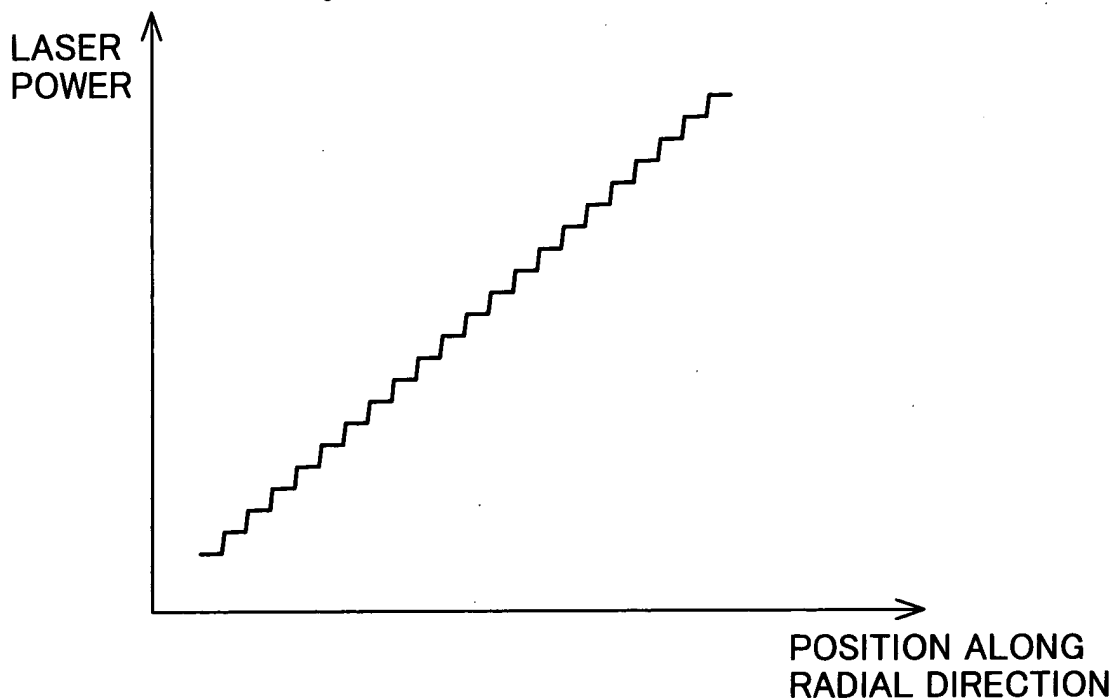


FIG.7B
Prior Art

